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## Greenbelt's Independence Day Celebration Welcomes Everyone

by Lesley Kash



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Greenbelter Katy Gaughan leads the Greenbelt Drum Circle at the Fourth of July celebration at Greenbelt Lake on July 5, 2016.

To celebrate our nation's birthday, picnic with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Park on Thursday, July 4. To top off a day of grilling, fishing, sunbathing, strolling and community fellowship, Greenbelt will offer festivities including a band concert, drum circle and grand finale of fabulous fireworks.

Bring a drum and join the circle from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. All ages are welcome and there will even be a few drums to borrow. Then the Greenbelt Concert Band will offer patriotic tunes from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. At dark, around 9 p.m., lie back and get

ready for 25 minutes of thrilling fireworks reflected in beautiful Greenbelt Lake. The fireworks

See JULY 4TH, page 6

### July Fourth Week Delivery Change

The News Review will be delivered next week on Friday, July 5, instead of Thursday, July 4, because of the Fourth of July holiday. The office will be open as usual on Monday, July 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. and Tuesday, July 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.

## Council Discusses Dog Parks: Upgrade or Build a New One

by Kathleen Gallagher

Every dog has its day, and every major section of Greenbelt that needs a dog park will likely one day have one. But a recent council worksession suggested that it may take a while.

On May 29 the Greenbelt City Council held the latest in a series of worksessions devoted to finding one or more locations for additional dog parks. The city's existing dog park is located in Greenbelt East on Hanover Parkway. The first dog park of its type in Maryland, it has proven to be quite popular, but has now aged to the point of needing some repairs and upgrades.

For a long time the next step has been to find a location for a dog park in historic Greenbelt, with the goal of reducing the need to drive for many residents. As time has passed, however, a need for dog parks in Greenbelt West has also become apparent. In addition, at this meeting the possibility of focusing first on improvements to the existing dog park was seriously considered.

The previous worksession on this topic was held in December of last year, at which time Terri Hraby, director of the Department

of Planning and Community Development, laid out the pros and cons of 10 possible sites in historic Greenbelt. Many of the sites had potentially disqualifying characteristics, including objections from neighbors, environmental and wildlife impacts and lack of any of the following: space for both small and large dogs, accessibility, parking, water supply, or compatibility with the Buddy Attick Park Master Plan.

At a December 2018 worksession, council asked staff to undertake further evaluation of only

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### What Goes On

**Monday, July 1**  
8 p.m. Council Worksession, City Manager's Update, Municipal Building

**Thursday, July 4**  
City Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Independence Day

**July Fourth Fanfare** (See details on page 5.)

## Council Debates Franklin Park Playground Project Investment

by Eugene "Jesse" Nash IV

Project Open Space is a grant program that encourages municipalities to acquire and update undeveloped spaces for use as parks, playgrounds and recreation centers. Currently, council plans to use grant money to repair a small playground at 2 Research Road, improve some of the concrete at the Aquatic & Fitness Center, install a splash park and perform maintenance work on Buddy Attick Park. Just under \$500,000 is being set aside for buying land to create more public spaces. At the Monday, June 17 council meeting, Councilmember Rodney Roberts criticized his fellow councilmembers for not including any plans for Greenbelt West in its proposal for using grant money for Project Open Space.

Councilmember Colin Byrd noted and Councilmember Judith Davis echoed that money in that fund could theoretically still be



PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

Greenbelt Recreation Kinder Camp campers and counselors play on the recently updated Greenbelt Community Center playground. Program Open Space funded 75 percent of the project last year.

used to buy land in the Franklin Park Apartment neighborhood to build playgrounds and parks, although no plans are currently set in place for that. But Roberts raised his concern that the city

has spent millions in the past five years for various construction projects in the center of Greenbelt, but little if any money on

See PLAYGROUNDS, page 10

## Higher Achievement Opens Greenbelt Center on July 2

Higher Achievement D.C. Metro celebrates the opening of a new Achievement Center at Greenbelt Middle School in Greenbelt, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, July 2. The event runs from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. with a program from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and classroom tours from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Higher Achievement, an education advancement program for middle school youth, has chosen

the Greenbelt Middle School to be the site of its first center in Prince George's County. The Greenbelt center will be the site of a six-week summer program (June 24 to July 31) as well as an after-school academy during the next school year.

"We are excited to partner with Higher Achievement to help improve outcomes and opportunities for middle school students. Higher Achievement's emphasis

on both academic achievement and social emotional learning aligns with our goals of helping students prepare to meet the demands of college and careers," said Dr. Monica Goldson, chief executive officer of Prince George's County Public Schools.

Expected attendees include Angela Alsobrooks, County Executive, Prince George's County, Dr.

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### Lady Angels to Play City Team



PHOTO BY RENE SEWELL-RAYSOR

The 2018 Greenbelt Lady Angels team poses with the Greenbelt City Council/Employees team. They will play again this Saturday, June 29. See story, page 15.

# Letters to the Editor

## Honoring Eleanor

Honor Eleanor Roosevelt but do it someplace else. I have never seen any substantiation that the former First Lady ever climbed a platform attached to a tree on Crescent Road.

Former Public Works Director Albert S. "Buddy" Attick told me that the tree she viewed Greenbelt construction from was in the vicinity of Eastway and Gardenway where the original model homes were being built. Buddy worked for the Greenbelt construction as a security guard. I have not seen documentation of her visiting there either, but it would make more sense than on Crescent Road where the only construction to be viewed was that of Greenbelt Lake, off in the distance. A better viewpoint for that would have been the farmhouse near the Attick Park playground, the central point for superintending construction and gathering lake-construction workers for transportation.

We do have documentation that Franklin Roosevelt visited the Greenbelt site twice: once before construction began and again when construction was nearing completion. On that second trip, he toured the model homes and drove on to the lake dam to watch the initial stocking of the lake with fish.

We also have documentation that Eleanor visited the Greenbelt elementary school/community center at least on two occasions: once, a surprise visit where she observed children in classes and the other when she was invited to and attended a War Bond Rally/Dance.

Go with the documentation and place a marker at what is now the Community Center. Please don't continue to honor a dead tree; it was probably killed by building the monument to Eleanor.

Jim Giese

(For more on the Eleanor tree, see page 12)

## Cookies at the Bridge

Many thanks to all who participated and supported our Cookies at the Bridge efforts for this past school year, especially the Greenbelt City Council and Greenbelt Community Church. We had the wonderful addition of RUAK, led by Robert Goldberg-Strassler. Again, no incidents were reported this year. We just happily handed out cookies to somewhat weary

high schoolers at the end of their day.

We always need more volunteers for the coming school year. Monday through Friday from 3:15 until around 4 p.m. at the Spellman Overpass. Contact me at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church at 301-474-9410.

Ellen Noll

## Thanks for Session On Addiction

Thank you to the city and Greenbelt CARES for hosting last Thursday's community discussion and information sharing about addiction recovery and treatment. I was impressed with all of the county and state resources available to people who want help. Programs are offered that not only get to the bottom of people's addictions, but also teach basic life skills and emotional skills for folks to better self-regulate and care for themselves.

Regulating emotions is important so that self-medicating does not occur. Treating the whole body as one and teaching psycho education and life skills building is a goal of most programs. Maryland residents can call 211 to find information and referrals for Maryland programs and services 24 hours a day.

I am reminded that people cope differently. Some take walks, connect with others, meditate, exercise, live their life's purpose, while others might use food or drugs or alcohol or overspending or over sexing, which are unhealthy ways to cope.

Regardless of how people cope, at the end of the day we are still people. We are not our illness or our disorder or a label of any sort. We are human. We may struggle. We may face challenges. Life can be difficult. We each bring something unique to the world. Help me reduce the stigma regarding addiction. No guilt, no shame. Let's work to improve our mental and physical health together. Help and resources are available to those who want it.

Li'l Dan Celdran

## Peaceful Resolutions

Earlier this month, as part of Greenbelt's Peace Month activities, the Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) provided two hours of drop-in training on basic conflict resolution techniques, transparent com-

munication and consent-based decision-making. Called "Making Peace with Difficult People (including you and me!)," the goal of the session was to help diverse and divergent voices meet in a spirit of peace and goodwill.

Participants role-played handling seven kinds of conflicts: communication, different needs, personality, scarce resources, values, conflicts based on biases or past experiences, and one person wrongs another. They also practiced active listening, reflective listening, and both/and thinking. Thank you to all who participated in the lively exercises and discussion!

CDCG will provide more such interactive training on Saturday, September 21, at a day-long, drop-in workshop titled: Greenbelt's Bountiful Community Organizations: Growing Skills & Nurturing Talent. The training will be at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. No registration required but feel free to contact Aileen with any questions at: aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

John Buck

## Thanks

I am a longtime resident of Greenbelt and I came into contact with the Greenbelt Animal Shelter about three years ago. I live in the Franklin Park Apartments and since my moving there, have seen many feral, stray and abandoned cats there.

Three years ago, I rescued a pair of gray young tabbies some neighborhood kids were chasing.

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Fri. 7:00 PM

Sat. 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 PM

Sun. 3:00, 5:00 PM

Mon. 7:00 PM

Tues. 7:00 PM

Wed. 7:00 PM

Thurs. 2:00 PM

**LADY EVE (NR) (1941)**  
(94 mins)

Mon. 1:00 PM - FREE

I began to feed them and care for them while they were still living outside. I was lost as to what to do with them and had no idea where to turn to get some help for spaying or neutering them. A neighbor came to me and told me that I should contact Lauren at the shelter and I did. I met Lauren Crossed who promptly assured me that if I was at a comfortable point where I could trap the animals, she would take them to their animal care doctor for spay/neuter, free of charge. Ms. Crossed also gave me two small cages for loan and a bag of food as a token of appreciation for taking this step.

Fast forward the story to today and true to her word, she got my boys Marble and Slate neutered and since then, with her and her team's tireless help, my daughter and I have brought to them Honey - a young cat, older ones, Kitty (Sir Ace) and Mocha who were all neutered

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See the back  
page for this  
week's cartoon

## Send Us Your High Resolution Photos!

The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture.

If you are sending photos from your phone, please choose the option to send "actual size", or upload the photos to your computer first and then email the photos at full size. Send photos to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

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## On Screen

(Call 301-209-2034 for screening location.)

## Echo in the Canyon

This documentary is a tribute to Laurel Canyon, a rural-feeling neighborhood in Los Angeles that became a mecca for creativity and collaboration for a new generation of musicians in the mid-to-late 1960s. It was the music scene that gave birth to The Byrds, The Beach Boys, Buffalo Springfield and The Mamas and the Papas, and many others, music that shaped the second half of the 20th century. People in Laurel Canyon would drop by all the time, remembers Michelle Phillips of The Mamas and the Papas in the documentary, "and pretty soon you were writing a hit." Featuring Jakob Dylan, the film uncovers never-before-heard personal details behind the bands and their songs and how that music continues to inspire today. Echo in the Canyon contains candid conversations and performances with Brian Wilson, Ringo Starr, Michelle Phillips, Eric Clapton, Stephen Stills, David Crosby, Graham Nash, Roger McGuinn and Jackson Browne as well as with contemporary musicians they influenced such as Tom Petty (in his last film interview), Beck, Fiona Apple, Cat Power, Regina Spektor and Norah Jones. Rated PG-13, 82 minutes

- Sandy Rodgers

# Community Events

## Golden Age Club

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Community Center Multipurpose Room. All Greenbelt seniors are invited to participate in the meetings and join the group.

Upcoming programs for July are July 3, Business Meeting; July 10, Gary Childs, News Review editor, presenting The Miracle: Getting the Greenbelt News Review together; July 17, Pot Luck and Birthday luncheon – bring a dish to share; July 24, Bingo – we're always looking for prizes; July 31, Fifth Wednesday Tea Party – bring a tea cup and a snack to share.

## Teen Art Workshop: Upcycling T-shirts

Greenbelt Recreation hosts a series of teen workshops this summer at the Community Center. In the Upcycling T-shirts workshop on Sunday, June 30 from 1 to 3 p.m., teens will bring in old T-shirts and transform them into fringed tops or tied-tanks under the direction of teaching artist Carol Petrucci. Projects require no sewing and no prior experience. Advance registration is required at the Community Center main office. There is a fee. Contact Amanda Larsen at [alarsen@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltdmd.gov) or 240-542-2062 for more information.

## Thoughtful Discussion At Roosevelt Center

Was FDR right that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself? Is there survival value to fear, that emotion that drives people to fight, flight or freeze? Why does what seems a reasonable precaution to one person seem an irrational response to another?

The MakerSpace thoughtful discussion group will be gathering at one of the umbrella tables outside at the Roosevelt Center, weather permitting, on Tuesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. to see if we can lay some of our fears to rest. Or take them to heart and make ourselves safer.

Each week those present select the area to be explored for the following week; if a particular topic doesn't inspire, come suggest a better one.

## Radical Suburbs Lecture/Book Signing

Author Amanda Kolson Hurley will speak about her new book, Radical Suburbs: Experimental Living in the Fringes of the American City on Thursday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. We have forgotten, says the book, that American suburbs were once fertile ground for utopian planning, communal living, socially conscious design and integrated housing. The author will discuss the history of suburbs, such as the mixed-use, architecturally daring Reston, Va., and Greenbelt itself.

Books will be available for sale and signing by the author. The lecture is sponsored by The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the City of Greenbelt and is free, but a ticket is needed through Eventbrite.com, limit two per registrant.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of July 1 are as follows:

Monday, July 1: Baked meatballs w/Peking sauce, brown rice, Japanese vegetables, dinner roll, mandarin oranges, apple juice

Tuesday, July 2: Chicken marsala, buttered bowtie pasta, green peas, Italian bread, fresh fruit, cranberry juice

Wednesday, July 3: Beef hot dog, baked beans, cherry cobbler, coleslaw, hot dog bun, fruit punch

Thursday, July 4: Closed for Independence Day

Friday, July 5: Glazed ham, mashed spiced yams, squash and zucchini, dinner roll, tropical fruit, apple juice.



**GAC**  
GREENBELT ARTS CENTER

## UPCOMING AUDITIONS:

### Wild Party

Still needs a few men who can sing and dance well

### Motherhood Out Loud: August 11 & 12

A hilarious comedy about motherhood

### The Phantom Tollbooth: September 9 & 10

Seeking adults, teens and children

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[www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

## Kite Craft Workshop At Artful Afternoon

The Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program invites guests of all ages to make a kite at a Community Art Drop-in on Sunday, July 7. All materials will be provided for this workshop led by instructor Aaron Springer. The event takes place at the Community Center. Admission is free, but reservations are recommended; follow the link at [greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/arts) to sign up for a 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. start time. A limited number of seats will also be available on a walk-up basis for both seatings.

While visiting, see the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit at the Center, The Knowing Hands That Carve This Stone: The New Deal Art of Lenore Thomas Straus. Straus is best known locally as the creator of the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center and the bas reliefs on the façade of the Community Center. The museum's historic house will also be open for tours at 10-B Crescent Road, for a nominal admission fee.

For more information, call 301-397-2208. City of Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

## TEA Time 4th Friday At New Deal Café

The Taking Effective Action (TEA) women's support group provides mutual support for women's personal goals and professional development through positivity and progress. Meetings are held on the fourth Friday of each month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café, led by Li'l Dan Celdran, in partnership with the New Deal Café. Enjoy constructive dialogue while dining together and supporting one another and the Café.

Wednesday, July 3, 7 p.m., Addition Maintenance Program Task Force, Board Room.

Thursday, July 4, Independence Day, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, July 8, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby; 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Thursday, July 11, 7:45 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, July 12, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, June 29 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see Jupiter, Saturn and those deep-sky objects (galaxies, star clusters and nebulae) currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 9:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, June 27, 7 p.m., Audit Committee Meeting, Board Room.

Friday, June 28, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Monday, July 1, 7 p.m., Board Executive Work Session, Board Room.

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## Israeli-Palestinian Peace Plan Meeting

A presentation titled Israel, Palestine and the Trump-Kushner Peace Plan is the focus of the final Greenbelt Peace Month event, to be held Sunday, June 30, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., at the Community Center. The speaker is Dr. Jerome "Jerry" Segal, founder and president of the Jewish Peace Lobby, research scholar (retired) at the Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy at the University of Maryland, author of books and articles on the Bible and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, challenger to Senator Ben Cardin in the 2018 Democratic Primary, and founder and state chair of The Bread and Roses Party of Maryland.

A discussion will follow the presentation. The Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, the Jewish Peace Lobby and Beloved Community Interfaith Network are co-sponsors of the event. Sponsoring groups do not necessarily endorse particular viewpoints expressed at this program. For more information, contact [justpeacepg@earthlink.net](mailto:justpeacepg@earthlink.net) or [edfallon@gmail.com](mailto:edfallon@gmail.com).

## Backyard Composting Workshop Saturday

Confused about backyard compost? Come to a free workshop, Compost 101, to learn the basics of backyard composting. The workshop will be held on Saturday, June 29, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Public Works Building.

**GATE**

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### Program Schedule

Friday Jun 28 - Thursday Jul 4

7 am	Greenbelt News Reel
8 am	Democracy Now!
9 am	Classic Film: And Then There Were None (1945) Agatha Christie
11 am	Adopt A Pet
11:30	Greenbelt Discussion
12 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
1 pm	Strata (Archaeology)
2 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
3 pm	Classic Film: And Then There Were None (1945) Agatha Christie
5 pm	Strata (Archaeology)
6 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
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Teachers and students, parents and kids!  
The Chromatics present an afternoon of Science Fun!

A cappella science songs, NASA imagery, live demonstrations by real scientists, and a take-home kit to do an experiment of your own!

Greenbelt Arts Center  
June 29 at 2pm

Tickets: <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>  
\$18 adults / \$12 students

## St. Hugh's Father Tappe Honored by Police Dept.



PHOTO BY GEORGE MATHEWS

From left, Capt. Gordon Pracht, Chief Richard Bowers, Father Walter Tappe and Deputy Chief Tom Kemp pose for a picture after thanking Tappe for his continuing service to the department.

The Greenbelt Police Department honored Father Walter Tappe of St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church for his years of cooperation with the department in making the old school building available for various training programs. Tappe was also recognized for giving supportive testimony

about the cooperative nature of the department to an accreditation review board. Several times a year, police officers use the building for K-9 and tactical training as well as regular in-service testing for officers, according to police spokesman George Mathews.

### Susan Jones Jazz At Lake Artemesia

The Berwyn Heights Recreation Council has established a summer music series at Lake Artemesia. On Thursday, June 27, from 6 to 8 p.m., the Susan Jones Jazz Quartet (aka Circadian Rhythm Section) will present a free concert at the stage. The concert is open to the public. Concert-goers should bring something to sit on, and they may bring picnics.

The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet has played many times at the New Deal Café and for the Green Man Festival. Guest musician Jan Knutson is a member of the Greenbelt Community Church.

### GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

**The Bible Says...**  
"Treat others the same way you want them to treat you..." Jesus  
Luke 6:31

Jesus created the "Golden Rule." We all want to be seen, heard and loved. We want to be respected, even if we disagree. Imagine a world where we treated others as we would want to be treated. This is Jesus' vision.

**Sunday Worship Services  
New Location**  
10am @ Greenbelt Elementary School  
[MCFcc.org](http://MCFcc.org)



**Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
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Church**



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9:15 am      10:30 am      6:00 pm

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## Obituaries

### Ann Marrichi

Anna (Ann) Marrichi (née Peluso) died at home on Friday, June 14, 2019, at the age of 94.

She was born on July 31, 1924, in Baltimore where she met her husband and raised her family. Later they moved to Westminster, Md., and in recent years she moved to Greenbelt.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank (Fred) Marrichi, her grandson Eric Gayo and her brothers and sisters. She is survived by four children: Joyce Gayo (Chris), James Marrichi (Christie), Janet Marrichi Cantwell (Michael), and Carole Marrichi Bordelon (Mike), as well as grandchildren Wendy Pardoe, Paul Marrichi, Matthew Marrichi, Brendan Cantwell, Tay-



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

Ann Marrichi

lor Cole, Lauren Wisniewski and Anna Bradford and 12 great-grandchildren.

*Our Neighbors*

Condolences to the family and friends of Gary Swank who was killed along with his tour guide on Sunday in Belize. Gary grew up in Greenbelt.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Greenbelt resident Ann Marrichi who died June 14 at age 94.

Congratulations to Judy Goldberg-Strassler on completing a graduate certificate in ceramics at Hood College.

Congratulations to Eleanor Roosevelt High School students who won first place in the county school system snowplow painting contest.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

### visit [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com)

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**Mass Schedule:**

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**Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**

**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**

**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**

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**June 30 10 a.m.**

**Learning to Live with the Threat of Nuclear War**

*The PBUUC Worship Associates*

This is the Worship Service Auction Item won by Marj Donn last fall. Nuclear War will be the challenging theme for our seven Worship Associates. Jeri Holloway, Paul Wester, Mary Rooker, Ebeth Porter, Samantha Evans, Clark Ritz and Tricia Most will each present their reflections on this topic.

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- Tuesday, Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
- Wednesday, Worship & Prayer 7pm

For more information 443-254-5107

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*Proverbs*

**Sunday School 10:30 a.m.**

**Church Service 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday meeting 7:30 p.m.**

**At the Library**

The Greenbelt Library will be closed on Thursday, July 4, and will reopen on Friday, July 5, at 10 a.m.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Apollo 11 landing on the moon this summer at the library. The theme for the 2019 Summer @ Your Library is A Universe of Stories. The library challenge runs from now through August 19. Participants of all ages may register online at pgcmls.info via the Beanstack online platform.

Just for registering, participants will receive a prize, then earn additional points and prizes by checking out books, logging reading or attending library events. 2019 Summer @ Your Library prizes include tee shirts, event tickets, tote bags, books, gift cards and educational toys. PGC-MLS library branches will host space-themed events until late June. For additional information, check out the online calendar.

**Books at Bedtime**

Monday, July 1, 6:30 p.m., ages newborn to 3, limit 20 people. Presented by the Prince George's County Infants and Toddlers Program. This is an opportunity for children under 3 with special needs, along with family and friends, to participate in storytime, music and motor activities. Stop by the information desk to pick up free tickets on the day of the event. Books at Bedtime will be presented weekly through July 29.

**English Conversation**

Tuesday, July 2, 6 p.m. Learning to speak English? Join this club and practice speaking English in a friendly atmosphere with people from diverse backgrounds.

**Ready 2 Read**

Tuesday, July 2, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 30 people. Wednesday, July 3, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s) or caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 30 people.

**Crafters**

Make a Planet. Saturday, July 6, 1 p.m., ages 5 to 12. Join an hour of afternoon crafting. Make and take home a papier-mâché planet. Parents are welcome to participate.

**Storytime on Screen**

Monday, July 8, 10:30 a.m., ages newborn to 5. Bring baby, toddler, or preschooler to the Community Center, Room 200 to listen to a story read from the big screen, see a short film and complete a craft. Popcorn will be provided. No registration required. This walk-in event is presented biweekly on the second and fourth Monday.

**Holy Cross Thrift Store**

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# City Information & Events

**MEETINGS FOR JULY 1-5**

Monday, July 1 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** City Manager's Update at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996 and streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov).

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE WEEK OF JULY 1**

Monday Route – Collected Monday

Tuesday Route – Collected Tuesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, July 5

Greenbelt Station Art in the Park

**PUBLIC ART VISIONING SESSION**

Tuesday, July 9, 7:30pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Ln.

How can public art enhance the user experience at Greenbelt Station Central Park? What kind of art would you like to see in this space? Look at examples, and join the conversation!

Please RSVP at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts)

For more information: [ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov)

Greenbelt residents from all neighborhoods welcome

Light supper provided. Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL**

Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 10am-1pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Join the City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works for an invasive plant removal and bio-retention cleanup event

Reminders: Bring a reusable water bottle; Wear weather-appropriate clothing and closed-toe shoes; Students: bring community-service forms.

Contact Jason Martin at [jmartin@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:jmartin@greenbeltdmd.gov)

**Consider making a Charitable Donation to City of Greenbelt's Emergency Relief Fund**

Consider donating to the Emergency Assistance Agency Fund, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed, but not financed by the City.

The purpose of the Emergency Assistance Fund is to assist Greenbelt residents who are at-risk of eviction.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

*Thank you to all residents who have contributed in the past.*

**SUMMER TEEN WORKSHOP SERIES**

(Ages 12-19) 343400-1 R: \$25, NR: \$35

**UPCYCLING T-SHIRTS**

Sunday, June 30 from 1-3pm

Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Road, Rm113



Bring in an oversized t-shirt and learn to transform it into a fringed top or tied-tank. All other supplies will be provided. Projects require no sewing. Wear a tank top so you can try your new t-shirt design on for size. Instructor: Carol Petrucci; Info: Amanda Demos Larsen, 240-542-2062, [alarsen@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:alarsen@greenbeltdmd.gov)

**Community Art Drop-In**

Sunday, July 7

**Kite craft workshop - FREE**

All ages welcome. Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., Ph. 301-397-2208 Reservations are recommended; follow the link at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/arts)

to sign up for a 1pm or 2pm start time.

A limited number of seats will also be available on a walk-up basis for both seatings.

*All materials will be provided for this workshop led by instructor Aaron Springer*

**JULY FOURTH FANFARE**

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attack Park

- Bring a picnic
- Walk the lake trail
- Enjoy the playground
- Community Drum Circle, 5:30pm-6:45pm
- Greenbelt Concert Band, 7:30pm-8:30pm
- FIREWORKS approximately 9:00pm

In case of inclement weather, please call the weather and information hotline, 301-474-0646, for updated event status.

**Composting 101**

Learn the Basics of Backyard Composting Free

Saturday, June 29 from 11am-12:30pm  
Public Works Building, 555 Crescent Rd.

Discounted composting bins available  
\$10 New, but cracked and fixed.  
Contact [LRobles@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:LRobles@greenbeltdmd.gov)

**JOIN THE PROUD MEN AND WOMEN OF THE GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Greenbelt Police Department is widely reaching out to people of all backgrounds who want to make a difference in their community. Find out exactly how rewarding it can be to serve as a guardian of your community. Greenbelt Police officers work every day to help those in need, dealing with issues from the most mundane to life altering.

**Join the Greenbelt Police Department and make a difference.**

If you know someone who is ready to start a new, rewarding career, have them contact one of our recruiters at 240-542-2143 to learn more about how they can serve their community.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Ethics Commission, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

**LADIES SUMMER NIGHT RIDE SERIES FREE- 357501-1**

Tuesday, July 2, Meet at Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway at 6:15pm. Bike helmets are required. Riders of all levels welcomed!

This is a 5.86 mi. round trip ride with a midway stop. See route at [www.strava.com/routes/19805280](http://www.strava.com/routes/19805280) There is parking if you are driving your bike over. If you need assistance transporting your bike, or need more information please email [alongworth@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:alongworth@greenbeltdmd.gov).



Learn how to ride from Old Greenbelt to other business and parks across the Beltway! We will be stopping at the Silver Diner for some pre 4th of July summer Milk Shakes! If you would like a small treat before riding back, please bring milk shake money. Since we will briefly park our bikes, bring a lock if you have one. We will cover a short tutorial about "how to lock your bike."

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show is very popular and always draws a big crowd, so those who spread their blankets early will get the best view, as well as more time to enjoy hours of relaxing fun.

### Police See to Safety

The Greenbelt Police ask everyone to join in their effort to make this a safe and comfortable 4th. The department will host a tent in the grass by the parking lot, offering help and safety information. The Greenbelt Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be there too, offering first aid and a cooling station. So why not stop by and say hello and thanks to the officers and staff? Then when the kids get lost or overheated or fall off a swing, everyone will know where to go for help.

### No Alcohol

Alcohol is not allowed in any city park, so do not bring it.

### No Private Fireworks

Fireworks, even sparklers, are illegal because they are dangerous. Any kind of private fireworks, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets, are prohibited anywhere in the county. Violators are subject to arrest, fines up to \$1000 and six months in jail. Do not risk it; enforcement is strict and serious.

### Recycling, Pets, Boating

Pets should be left at home, because the loud, bright fireworks can cause animals to panic, bite or run away. Pet owners who decide to bring animals to the festivities must keep them on a leash and constantly supervised.

Any boat on the lake must be

registered with the city and, for safety reasons, be kept behind the warning buoys.

Recycling is expected of all participants. Containers will be provided for both trash and recyclable materials. Put items in the appropriate bin.

### Parking

Drivers should observe posted parking regulations. The lake parking lot is reserved for cars transporting handicapped or elderly people. Handicapped tags will not be required, nor will they guarantee a parking space. Surrounding streets will be posted with temporary No Parking signs, and violators will be towed.

Buddy Attick Park is on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. Drivers who choose to park adjacent to Kenilworth Avenue do so at their own risk, and must make sure their cars are off the road and do not obstruct traffic.

### Traffic Tips

Traffic exiting after the fireworks will be directed onto Kenilworth Avenue. Cars will not be allowed to turn right onto Crescent Road until the crowd diminishes. To return to old Greenbelt, drivers should take Kenilworth to Greenbelt Road. The Beltway exit onto Kenilworth will be controlled to prevent a traffic jam. All these traffic adjustments should be completed by 10:30 p.m. if all goes smoothly.

All fireworks-related information is available by phone from the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-474-0646. Do not call the police dispatcher for this information, since their lines must

be kept open for emergencies and police business.



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Monica Goldson, Chief Executive Officer, Prince George's County Public Schools, David Sutphen, Chief Strategy and Engagement Officer, 2U; Starlet Hunter, Director Community Engagement, MGM National Harbor; and Joshua M. Thomas, Prince George's County Public Schools Board of Education (District 2) as well as members of the Prince George's County Council, 2U, Inc; a global leader in educational technology headquartered in Lanham, is one of the center's inaugural sponsors, as is MGM National Harbor.

Higher Achievement D.C. Metro currently operates seven achievement centers across the region (Wards 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and Alexandria, VA). The Green-

belt Achievement Center will serve 60 sixth and seventh grade students and beginning this fall will include 30 volunteer mentors recruited from local businesses, universities, and residents. Higher Achievement scholars spend hundreds of hours in middle school during the summer and after school participating in academic classes and enrichment activities. They work with mentors in preparation for placement in rigorous high schools and ultimately graduating from college.

Greenbelt Middle School is located at 6301 Breezewood Drive. More information about Higher Achievement is available at [higherachievement.org](http://higherachievement.org).

## Ceramics Certificate Conferred

Greenbelt Recreation instructor Judy Goldberg-Strassler (second from left) celebrates her achievement of a Graduate Certificate in Ceramics at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. Also pictured, from left, are affiliates of the Greenbelt Community Center ceramics program: Christine Fortin, Judith Kornett, Sandra Dwiggs, Jan Morrow and Chris Corson. Goldberg-Strassler's work is featured in the exhibition "Shalom: Finding Peace Through Art" on view through July 10 at the Tatum Arts Center at Hood College, 410 Hood College Drive.



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### July's Monthly Specials

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>4TH OF JULY FAMILY PICNIC 3:00 to 7:00 PM</b>  <b>ENJOY:</b> <b>Pit Beef Hamburgers Hot Dogs Fried Chicken</b>  <b>Numerous Sides:</b> <b>Watermelon Baked Beans Corn on the Cobb, Potato Salad &amp; Cole Slaw</b> 	<b>3</b> Lunch: Chicken Cheese Steak Sub Dinner: Chicken Vito	<b>4</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and Fireworks</b>	<b>5</b> Lunch: Shrimp Salad Dinner: Beer Battered Haddock	<b>6</b> Seafood Fettuccini
<b>7</b> Commander's Café Broiled Scallops Or Fried Chicken		<b>Stay and see the Greenbelt City Fireworks from our parking lot!</b> 	<b>10</b> Lunch: Chicken Walnut Salad Dinner: Stuffed Green Pepper	<b>11</b> Lunch: French Dip Rib Nite	<b>12</b> Lunch: Crab Cake Sandwich Dinner: Seafood Platter	<b>13</b> Delmonico Steak
<b>14</b> Commander's Café Fried Flounder Or Bourbon Glazed Pork Chops		<b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b> (Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays)  <b>Breakfast</b> Sunday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM  <b>Lunch</b> Wednesday to Friday: 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM  <b>Dinner</b> Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday: 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM  Friday: 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM  Sunday Commander's Café: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>17</b> Lunch: Chopped Steak Dinner: Stuffed Chicken	<b>18</b> Lunch: Ham Salad Fried Chicken Nite	<b>19</b> Lunch: Shrimp Scampi Dinner: Jumbo Lump Crab Cake	<b>20</b> Veal Parmesan
<b>21</b> Commander's Café Broiled Scallops Or Steak and Shrimp			<b>24</b> Lunch: San Antonio Taco Salad Dinner: Petite New York Strip Steak	<b>25</b> Lunch: Steak an Cheese Sub Rib Nite	<b>26</b> Lunch: Salmon Cake Dinner: Stuffed Flounder	<b>27</b> Meatloaf Platter
<b>28</b> Commander's Café Jumbo Lump Crab Cake Or Chicken Parmesan			<b>31</b> Lunch: Buffalo Chicken Sandwich Dinner: Lasagna	<b>While you are here enjoying a lunch or dinner, look into how you too could join the Legion, Sons of the American Legion or Auxiliary Unit #136. By joining you can participate in many different events and activities at the Post throughout the year. Visit us on the web at <a href="http://www.greenbeltdpost136.org">http://www.greenbeltdpost136.org</a></b>		

# Chromatics to Sing Science Songs at Greenbelt Arts Center

by Karen Smale



The Chromatics, from left, Scott Rohrbach, Karen Smale, Alan Smale, Padi Boyd, Michelle Orhan and John Meyer

On Saturday, June 29, The Chromatics, a popular a cappella group made up of local scientists and engineers, will return to Greenbelt Arts Center. They will present a 2 p.m. matinee performance of AstroCappella, their collection of astronomically-correct original songs about the universe.

The Chromatics are a high-energy vocal band on a mission to delight audiences with a full spectrum of a cappella songs about science, technology, life and their intersections. They have nine CDs, including AstroCapella, which reflects the beauty and wonder of the universe and the technology that allows us to explore it. Sung from coast to coast and used in classrooms all across the country to captivate and educate, AstroCappella opens a window to a world of music

and astronomy. The CD has even flown in space.

Back down on earth, The Chromatics have captivated young and old alike for more than 20 years at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, the National Air and Space Museum, the Mid-Atlantic Harmony Sweepstakes, and numerous science fiction conventions, first nights, concert series and private parties. Their CDs have been nominated for multiple Washington Area Music Awards (Wammies) and Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards (CARAs). Today they are a mainstay of the local music scene and still bring a youthful exuberance to their fun-filled, colorful, and scientifically accurate performances.

The June 29 performance at the Greenbelt Arts Center is a

multimedia-rich show, complete with NASA imagery, science explained by real astronomers, and demonstrations of some of the scientific principles that appear in the songs. The show is ideal for educators, kids, or merely the astro-curious. The Chromatics are: Alan Smale (astronomer), Karen Smale (web developer), Michelle Orhan (teacher), John Meyer (engineer), and Greenbelt residents Scott Rohrbach (engineer) and Padi Boyd (astronomer). According to Boyd, "We're very excited to bring AstroCappella to a Greenbelt audience once again, and we're going to bring back some old favorites that we haven't done at the Greenbelt Arts Center in more than 10 years."

For more information and tickets, visit [greenbelartscenter.org](http://greenbelartscenter.org).



## Local Museum to Participate In Free Admission Programs

by Lawana Holland-Moore

This summer, the Greenbelt Museum Historic House at 10-B Crescent Road is participating in two free admission programs. The first, Blue Star Museums, grants free admission with valid military ID for currently active military members and their families. The program started on May 18 (Armed Forces Day) and will continue through the summer until Labor Day on Monday, September 2.

"We've seen the tremendous impact the Blue Star Museums program brings to our military families, and we're thrilled to be celebrating a decade of support," said Kathy Roth-Douquet, chief executive officer of Blue Star Families. "Not only are museums fun to explore but they are also great for making memories and strengthening military families as a whole."

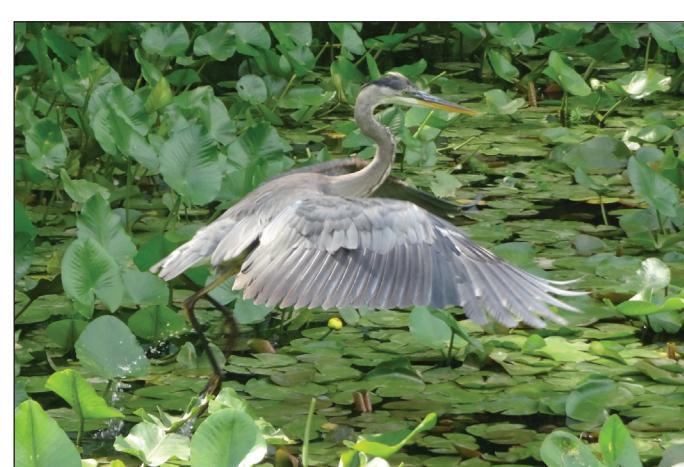
The Greenbelt Museum is also participating in the Museums for All program ([museums4all.org](http://museums4all.org)), which will grant free admission to families receiving food assistance through the SNAP program. Visitors need to show their Electronic Benefits Transfer card and photo ID.

The Greenbelt Museum felt that it is in the spirit of Greenbelt – one of community and cooperation – that all families should

have an opportunity to visit the Historic House. "We are absolutely thrilled to be able to offer these two options," said Greenbelt Museum Director Megan Searing Young. "We're working hard to remove barriers of any kind and to be as inclusive as possible as we welcome visitors to our site."

For more information about the Greenbelt Museum and the programs, visit the museum's website at [greenbeltmuseum.org/](http://greenbeltmuseum.org/). The Museum house is open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

*Lawana Holland-Moore is the office manager at the Greenbelt Museum.*



A Great Blue Heron fly-jumps to a new spot looking for food.

## Council Approves Outdoor Seating, Short Wall at Cedars

by Eugene "Jesse" Nash IV

Cedars of Lebanon is getting outdoor seating and a short wall on the adjacent sidewalk after the proposal passed through the city council on Monday, June 17.

On June 5, the Advisory Planning Board recommended that council approve a request to add three tables and six chairs to the sidewalk adjacent to Cedars of Lebanon for outdoor dining. An accompanying request for a knee-high wall to place an outdoor border around the space was rejected initially. The board concluded that the 36-inch-tall and 23-ft-long wall as proposed would likely impede foot traffic on the sidewalk too much during events in the Roosevelt Center.

The board instead recommended a shorter distance wall of 8 feet in its revision to the proposal that ended up on the floor of the council.

The council unanimously agreed to the chairs and tables, but the wall became a brief point of debate. Councilmember Judith Davis believed that the wall parallel with the parking lot is necessary to alert walkers that there are tables around the corner. The proposed wall will visually look similar to what is already set up around the New Deal Café.

Councilmember Leta Mach agreed that the wall would be a good indicator but questioned whether the segment that would be parallel with the sidewalk would be necessary. Councilmember Silke Pope also agreed that the wall as an indicator would be useful.

Frank Gervasi, who is representing Cedars and petitioning the request, said that it would be tubular and lightweight and the 'L' shape would be necessary for a strong structure. He said it would be weighted but mobile and, in

slight contrast to the building color, green.

Council later approved the revised wall at a length of 8 feet along the longer leg of the 'L,' for which the owner and head chef, Abdul Kareem Kamiha was thankful, but not before council probed around with some other concerns about outdoor seating.

Mayor Emmett Jordan asked where the tables would go when Cedars is closed. Gervasi said that it's only three tables, so it shouldn't throw anyone off guard. Kamiha pitched in that the chairs would go inside at night.

Davis raised her concern that some of the bricks from the aging building could fall on the heads of diners, and she asked if Gervasi had considered that. Gervasi said that two bricks have already fallen, and he reminded the councilmember that the building is the city's responsibility. Davis replied that the code administration is on it.

Jordan asked if smoking would be permitted, to which Kamiha quickly replied that it would not be.

In her questioning, Davis also asked whether the oven that is often placed outside for Sunday brunch would be included as a permanent fixture when the tables are set up. Kamiha said that it would still only come out on Sundays.

Councilmember Edward Putens was concerned that Cedars of Lebanon was setting up an outdoor oven at all because the city never approved that. He made sure to clarify before the vote that the oven was not included in the request and is therefore unlawful to set up in the future until it is cleared in a separate request.

## Owl and Kestrel Subject at Refuge

On Saturday, June 29, from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. the Patuxent Research Refuge will offer a program on birds of prey. Meet two of North America's smallest birds of prey: the American kestrel and the eastern screech owl. Both are expert hunters. The kestrel uses its acrobatic prowess, while the screech owl is a stealthy silent hunter. This program is for all ages and no registration is required.

Public programs at the refuge are free. For more information about the refuge call 301-497-5887 or visit [fws.gov/refugee/Patuxent](http://fws.gov/refugee/Patuxent).

## ROCK THE POTOMAC BOOK RELEASE PARTY



New Deal Café  
Sunday July 14  
2 pm



Greenbelt author Mark Opsasnick discusses and signs copies of his book "ROCK THE POTOMAC : Popular Music and Early-era Rock and Roll in the Washington D.C. area."

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# Memory Photos Are Biggest Hit Of the GES Fifth Grade Dance

by Corita Waters

"It was the most fun I had at school." So said one fifth grader about the end of year semi-formal dinner and dance to celebrate their final year at Greenbelt Elementary School.

The biggest hit of the night was the photo booth. Kids grabbed their friends and lined up to make memories at the photo booth (provided by the GES PTA and Cap City Booths). For some parents, the photo booth pictures were all they got to see of the event ("No, Dad, you can't chaperone.")

Greenbelters may have recognized the spirited DJ Rick Ransom and able assistant, Barbara Ransom, who donated their time and talents to enliven the evening with music.

The fifth grade teachers and support team showed up dressed to the nines to match the kids' fancy dress.

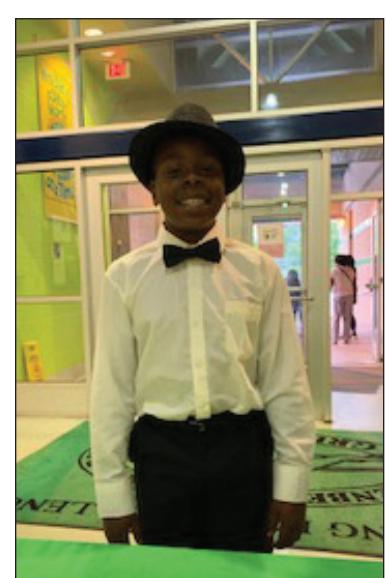
The event could not have been a success without the dedication of the teachers and staff, who got the Three Brothers pizza, decorated the hall, and enjoyed the photo booth (ask them for pictures!). Thanks especially to Ms. Arcido, Ms. Mayes, Ms. McCoy, Ms. Thomas, Ms. Volk, Ms. Stagg, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Williams, Ms. Lauterbach, Ms. Hudson and Dr. Gaines.

Thanks to all of the brave parents who chaperoned, especially Jaky Lilly, who pulled the evening together.

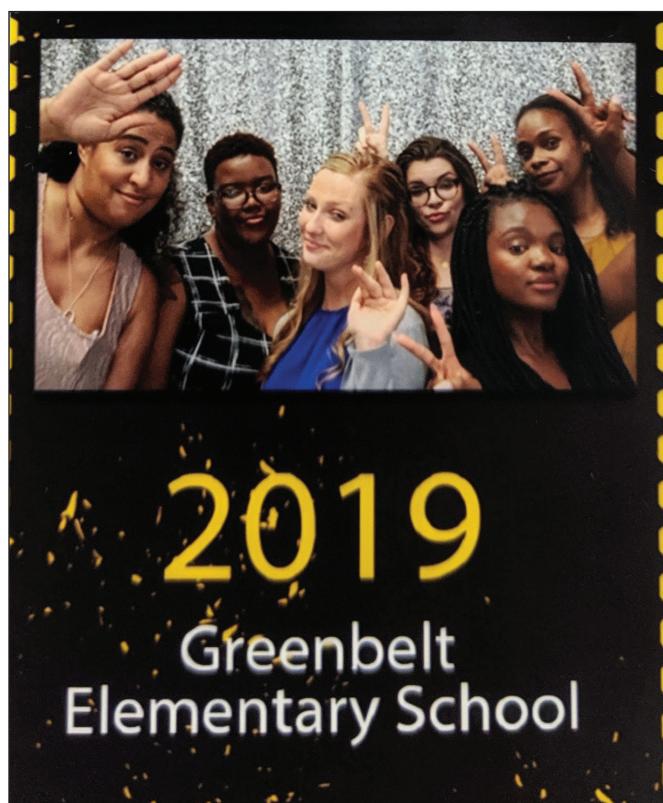
A good time was had by all!



Brian Hubbard



Tristan McEwen



School staff also enjoy the photo booth. From left: Elisa Mayes, Kimara McKoy (first year at GES), Lindsey Volk, Emilee Lauderbach, Bobbi Thomas and Stephenie Arcido



Oladale Odebo, Iris Gayken, Kira Moore (back) Bailey Bernhard

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Fifth graders choose photo booth props.

## Co-op Approves Contractors, Solar Roof Can Move Ahead

by Cathie Meetre

Rays on the Roof has completed a significant step towards its new solar rooftop. With state bond bill funds pending and fundraising steadily proceeding, on Wednesday, May 29, the Co-op Board of Barbara Ford, Joe Timer, Jill Stevenson, Linda Ivy, Donna Peterson, Jon Bell and Bill Jones voted unanimously to approve the steering committee's recommendation of contractor choices. The steering committee of Bell as board liaison, Project Manager Steve Skolnik, Legislative Liaison Dorrie Bates and Cathie Meetre had mulled over the choices at length but felt that these were the pick of the litter – combining fair and reasonable pricing with understanding of the work and the risks involved. Each selected contractor provided an enviable track record of customer satisfaction.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$799,385 including contingency funds of approximately \$40k. The price (without contingency) is amazingly close (~\$10k over) to Co-op's original fund-raising goal of \$750k – an early guess made before much was known about the condition of the roof. The amount of electricity generated by this solution was the highest of all proposals – and so the return on investment should be also the highest.

Co-op is concerned for the long term. If a solar roof is to do its job for 25 years, then the roof under it must hold up that long. Array productivity is key to paying for the roof and the array itself, and crucial to building future reserves. Although the combination of contractors selected did not result in the lowest up-front price, the more productive array that it affords makes it the best overall return on investment and therefore the most financially attractive long-term investment.

In all, Co-op received nine bids for the two roles of roofer and solar contractor.

### Contractors

First up in the batting order is the roofer, Adelphia. This family firm is a relatively new company but has already compiled an impressive record for quality of workmanship and integrity in dealing with customers. Their experience includes elementary school roofs and other large commercial roofs similar to Co-op's. During the run-up to selection, Adelphia assessed the roof thoroughly and its planning and price acknowledged the complexities of dealing with an older structure and its roof-mounted refrigeration units. It was neither the highest nor the lowest bid.

The solar panel installation will be done by Sustainable Energy Solutions. Their design used the most efficient rack-mounting system, resulting in the highest solar return of all the competitors. They were willing to consider upgrading to a higher productivity panel if (as happens in the rapid development of this technology) the currently specified panel can be upgraded without additional cost. Again, its bid was in the middle, but the array was significantly more productive and sported both an excellent warranty and a pricing structure that was advantageous to Co-op.

The steering committee based its recommendations on best value, optimizing the ratio of cost, outcome and risk. High on the list of criteria was trust that the contractors had adequately assessed the risks involved and had priced accordingly. References from previous customers similar to the Co-op (i.e. one-time, not big, similar roof) were of critical importance: several were checked for each vendor reaching the final stretch.

Also on board is ColdCraft, the current Co-op contractor maintaining the roof-mounted systems that serve the air-conditioning and refrigeration units of the store. Their role is to be present at times when activities may affect the mechanical units. In particular, the units that serve the freezers cannot be down for more than four hours or the food in the freezers must be discarded. If there is a problem, they are on hand with detailed knowledge of the systems and with the tools and equipment necessary to keep the store functioning.

Last in the line-up is Seal Engineering. Already involved in the evaluation of the roofing contractor, their role is to ensure the quality of the job with regular inspection and compliance activities.

### Next Steps

With contracts now in hand, the next steps are to create final plans, establish a schedule and undergo the permits process with Prince George's County. Roofing is expected to begin early in the fall after Adelphia's school roofing projects are complete. The job is estimated to take about two months. Final scheduling of the solar panel installation is tentatively at the end of the year, but depending on the capacity of the contractor, may begin earlier.

Co-op thanks participating contractors for their time and effort in responding to the RFP and all the Greenbelters who have contributed as investors and donors. Rays on the Roof donation tickets are still available at each checkout and continued donations are sought.

### Donations

Although the expected contracting costs and the amount raised to date are similar, Co-op continues to seek investments and donations. The roof is old, the equipment on it is old and any excess investment can be utilized as contingency for this project and, if unused, as seed money for potential upgrades in the store's mechanical systems.

If residents had thought of giving but didn't get around to it, or thought enough had been raised and the need was therefore past, they are encouraged to check out the information online at [Greenbelt.Coop](http://Greenbelt.Coop).

### Drop Us a Line!

Electronically, that is.  
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four potential sites: Northway Fields, the open area near Greenbelt Lake dam, the Stream Valley Park open area and Branchville Road in the Greenbelt Station South Core. At Councilmember Silke Pope's request, a fifth site was added: the open area off Lakecrest Drive between Greenbelt Lake and the forebay. Hruby said the latter area had been too damp for consideration earlier, but recent work at Greenbelt Lake merited reevaluation of the site.

At the May 29 worksession, Community Planner Judith Howerton opened with a presentation on a variety of dog parks in the U.S. that were designed, funded and operated on different models. The discussion then returned to the five Greenbelt sites under review. Staff had provided conceptual drawings, and once again laid out the pros and cons of each.

### Northway Fields

Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to using Northway, saying it was too far from most residences, might require taking down trees and might encroach on other uses of the space. Howerton responded that while regrading would be required, most of the trees would be assets to the site, but she agreed access was an issue and it would be hard to bring in water and electricity.

### Stream Valley

The Stream Valley area, off Crescent Road, is located quite close to residential housing. In fact, Hruby said it would require a revision of the City Code in order to permit developing a dog park there. Residents of the area who were present at the meeting strongly objected to using this site. They said the back yards of two neighborhoods back up to the area, which is an informal space where children play and which is used as a walkway by children and families as well. Councilmember Edward Putens immediately said that the area was working very well for the neighborhood as it is and suggested that the city "leave it alone." He added that the site is already in appropriate use by the neighborhood, and a dog park would not be compatible. Hruby added that parking would likely impact the nearby residents, too.

### Branchville Road

Pope said the long-standing goal had been to bring a dog park to historic Greenbelt, and Branchville Road, which is adjacent to Greenbelt Station, would be an even longer drive than to Greenbelt East. She pointed out that both Franklin Park and Greenbelt Station have mentioned planning to provide their own dog parks. She advised focusing on the original goal first. Mayor Emmett Jordan suggested not rejecting this site out of hand since it could allow for parking.

Roberts commented that one thing this discussion was highlighting was that a second dog park would still not meet all the needs and that what is needed is a longer-term city plan.

### Greenbelt Lake Dam

Councilmember Leta Mach asked the "dog people" in the audience what they thought of the open space near the dam as a site. Kris White expressed concern, saying it would have to be an enclosed area with proximity to the lake path, which could be



Jinx arrives for a morning run at the Greenbelt Dog Park.

PHOTO BY AMANDA LARSEN

a problem for both people and dogs. Questions were raised about whether fencing in that location was desirable or even permissible. Councilmember Judith Davis said fencing would be wrong in that area.

Roberts agreed, adding that there are not supposed to be organized recreational activities in the park. Pope also agreed, saying the lake park can be very busy on weekends. She could imagine the dog park being overused, as well as there being parking problems.

### Lakecrest Drive

Located at the end of Lakecrest Drive, this site raises some concerns about its swampy past, proximity to residential property, limited shade and parking. Hruby noted that if the land proved to be usable, this site would require evaluation in terms of the master plan, but it is central and walkable. Roberts thought this site had the most to recommend it.

### No Build

In addition to discussion of the sites, intermittent comment had been made during the meeting on the work needed to upgrade the existing dog park in Greenbelt East, which paved the way to a startling suggestion by Howerton of one more possible option: No build.

What staff was suggesting was not a decision never to build another dog park, but rather to make upgrading the existing dog park the first priority before providing a second one. Hruby said the surveys undertaken by staff suggest that having to drive to the park is not a big concern with most residents but that the site needs to offer better amenities.

Hruby said, "We need to start with what we have and turn it into a better place that people want to come to." Asked by Roberts if it could be expanded, Hruby said she thought it was just about built out at a half-acre.

### Licenses and Rules

Council also reviewed proposed revisions to the existing dog park licenses and rules. Decisions are not made at worksessions, but most councilmembers appeared to be in agreement that an annual fee should be instituted, with a higher fee for non-residents. The annual fee will help to support the dog park but also allow for regular collection of information on the date of a dog's shots. Most councilmembers also agreed that entry should be controlled, probably by use of an activation card, which would also allow for deactivating a user's card if necessary.

Staff was left with a hefty to-do list. In addition to plans

to manage the annual fee and controlled access, council asked for further evaluation on possibilities and costs for improving the Hanover Parkway dog park. More in-depth evaluation of the viability of the Lakecrest Drive site for a possible dog park is also needed, starting with an engineering study to be sure the land is usable, confirmation that it would be compatible with the master plan and surveys of the neighborhood. More detail was also sought on the Branchville Road site.

## Apply Now for 2019 Art and Craft Fair

Now through September 27, individuals and nonprofit organizations can apply online to participate in the City of Greenbelt's 2019 Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair. The fair will take place on December 7 and 8 at the Community Center.

Now in its 48th year, the art and craft fair is a vibrant tradition. Groups are invited to sell or raffle crafts related to their mission; they may also sell tickets, memberships, gift certificates and wares with their logo. The fair is open to youth exhibitors as well as adults.

Applications are available online at [greenbeltdmd.gov/arts](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/arts). There is a fee to participate in the event, but there is no cost to apply. Artists are selected on a rolling basis. For more information, contact Anne Gardner at [agardner@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:agardner@greenbeltdmd.gov) or 240-542-2060. Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

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acquisition, especially in Franklin Park.

Roberts found it concerning that council has stressed for a long time the need to acquire more recreational land in Franklin Park, but seemingly has no interest in doing that with a grant specifically for buying land from private owners.

According to the city website, there are 27 playgrounds in central Greenbelt and two in the Franklin Park area. Google satellite imagery shows four more around the apartment complex that are likely not owned by the city.

Roberts has a personal tie to Franklin Park as it was an area where he attempted to rally most of his votes through door-to-door knocking on the first year he made it on the council. Because most of the land is privately owned, it would be difficult for the city to acquire enough of it to build or maintain already built playgrounds, leaving residents having to trust that the apartment complex will take good care of them.

For these reasons, Roberts was passionate, to the point of arguing under his breath and into the microphones at the meeting about council's seeming neglect of the area once again.

Davis and Mayor Emmett Jordan both offered solutions to Roberts's concern. Davis reminded council that Greenbelt West is home to a large swath of land that will never be developed due to the complex terrain and high-water table.

Jordan noted that the city will

likely acquire land in Greenbelt West when it buys part of the boardwalk-style trail that is supposed to lead from Greenbelt Station to the Metro station.

But neither solution addressed the root of Roberts's concern: will the city ever buy land from Franklin Park so the city can have some jurisdiction outside of mere police presence?

This sentiment received some support from one of few residents in the room, Michael Hartman, who asked whether the city surveys the people on what kind of land acquisition they would want to see. Jordan mentioned the budget, which Hartman called too complex for most residents to offer legitimate input, and Planning Director Terri Hruby brought up the recreation master plan that included lots of public input.

Hruby's response offered little peace to Roberts, who responded that there is no recommendation for land purchase in that master plan, and "we need to do something about that." Davis asked how strict the county's use-it-or-lose-it policy is for the land acquisition grant. Hruby noted that the county does tend to want to take funds back that are not used, but it is also lenient and understanding that buying land can be an expensive and tedious process.

After a lengthy debate that at one time required the mayor to bang his gavel to quiet voices, council approved the plan to spend the grant money on the projects in central Greenbelt and to save the rest for acquisition with a vote of 6 to 1.

Roberts was the sole opposer.



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## Greenbelt Artists Exhibit Works at Heritage Gallery

by Sally Davies

On Sunday, June 9, a creative group of five local artists held an artists' reception for their group art show, *Inspired!*, at Heritage Gallery in Hyattsville. Rachel Ann Cross, Sally Davies, Racquel Keller, Amanda Demos Larsen and Valerie Watson presented their varied work. The artwork ranged from a 7-foot-tall watercolor painting titled *The Gentlemen of Dakar* by Watson to the impressionistic acrylic and oil paintings of Davies, Keller and Larsen to Cross' intricately assembled colorful mosaics.

Inspired! is on display at Heritage Gallery in the Pyramid Atlantic Building, 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville. The exhibit is available for viewing when the Pyramid Atlantic Arts Building is open. For more information, contact [info@anacostiatrails.org](mailto:info@anacostiatrails.org).



PHOTO BY SALLY DAVIES

Locals gather at the ATHA Gallery in Hyattsville for an art reception for five Greenbelt artists: Rachel Cross, Sally Davies, Amanda Larsen, Valerie Watson and Racquel Keller.

## Green Ridge House 40th Anniversary



Original resident, Louise Swideerski, and Councilmember Judith Davis admire a photo from 15 years ago.

- Photos by Jennifer Sterling



Residents of Green Ridge House enjoy a crab feast and celebrate the home's 40th anniversary.

## Local DAR Volunteers Clean Historic Walker Gravesite

by Esther Jean A. Snyder and Robert Snyder

Two Greenbelt residents, Daughters of the American Revolution member Esther Jean Snyder and her son Robert, joined several other DAR members of the local Toaping Castle Chapter recently to remember two Maryland soldiers who fought in the American Revolutionary War: Lieutenant Isaac Walker and his son Private Nathan Walker. The tradition of clearing and cleaning the Walker gravesite began 10 years ago and has continued every Memorial Day weekend to the present.

When a DAR chapter is organized, the chapter name is chosen from a related local historic event or site. The Toaping Castle Chapter was organized in 1945 as a Maryland DAR Chapter, and was named after the Walker estate.

Isaac Walker fled his native Scotland for America after fighting on the losing side of the Battle of Culloden Field in 1746. He was able to receive a land grant in the area of what is now the Golden Triangle business park, where he established his estate, Toaping Castle, named after his home in Scotland. He built a log cabin on the site around 1750 where he lived with his wife and son Nathan. The building was expanded into a large colonial home prior to the Civil War by his grandson, Jonathan. Many years later the land was sold to make way for the Greenbelt project. The house became unoccupied and was demolished and the land cleared to make way for the current business park. A gravestone block was placed in the family cemetery by the family descendants. In 1936 a bronze marker was attached by the Prince George's County Chapter of the DAR, whose members included several descendants of the Walker family. The bronze plaque reads: Lieut. Isaac Walker, 1721-1807 and Pvt. Nathan Walker, 1756-1842.

### Free Breast Cancer, Cervical Screenings

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Participants in the Walker grave clean-up, from left: non-Greenbelters Jane Johnson, chapter regent; Marion Zipf, secretary; Marcia Richards, chaplain; and Greenbelters Esther Jean Snyder and son Robert Snyder.



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Cleanup of Walker grave site



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# Council Discusses “Roosevelt Tree,” Introduces New Intern

by Eugene “Jesse” Nash IV

At the June 17 council meeting, Councilmember Judith Davis started a conversation that was not on the agenda on dying trees in the city, in response to a recent News Review letter to the editor suggesting that the Eleanor Roosevelt memorial tree had died. She noted that when she observed the tree, it did not appear to be dead but it is “not doing well.” She guessed that it could be suffering from its constrained space or the shadows cast by the larger trees around it. She recommended that an arborist look into it.

Councilmember Leta Mach wondered how the tree got its reputation for being placed in a spot where Roosevelt supposedly watched the town being built when one couldn’t possibly see the town being built from there. She said that she would rather have it placed where Roosevelt may have actually stood.

Davis answered that this tree was simply planted where the original tree was dedicated. Mach agreed that it is not in a good location. Councilmember Rodney Roberts went back further in time to note that the original tree died when builders cut its roots out to put blocks in and there it stood, dead for 30 years. He also agreed that the current memorial tree is still alive despite its considerable loss of leaves. Mayor Emmett Jordan then turned attention to trees along Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt East, commenting that the mulch piles on the side of the road were growing in size. Davis chimed in that they looked like volcanoes. Jordan stated that council needs to tell the contractors who are making the piles of excess mulch that they need to stop adding to the problem.

Councilmember Edward Putens took the opportunity to raise his concern for the dozen dead pine trees along Hanover Parkway. Davis ended the tree conversation by bringing up two more dead trees she saw on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue.

## New Intern

The city welcomed a new intern from the University of

## Jazz on the Lawn At Riverdale

The Seth Kibel Quartet performs Jazz on the Lawn at Riverdale Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Road, on Wednesday, July 25 at 7 p.m. One of the mid-Atlantic’s premier woodwind specialists, Seth Kibel has performed on saxophone, clarinet and flute with some of the area’s best bands in klezmer, jazz and swing. He has received 28 Washington Area Music Awards (Wammies), including Best Jazz Instrumentalist and Best World Music Instrumentalist.

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Maryland. Sociology and public policy senior Shelton Daal will be working until August with the Maryland Municipal League in Greenbelt on the census and promoting sustainability in local businesses.

Daal said “it’s great to be working in the community” and he thanked the council and staff for having him. Davis noted that the city has been very fortunate to get help every year from the university in some form or another.

## Proclamation

In following the theme of June as Peace Month, council established June 19 as 13th Amendment Awareness day to recognize and celebrate the constitutional abolishment of slavery. As part of

the proclamation, Jordan read out the 13th Amendment.

## Interpreters

In the May 27 meeting, council noted that the American Sign Language interpreters left early, about two hours into the meeting, leaving hearing-impaired Greenbelters without a method of understanding the councilmembers. The city manager had noted that the interpreters travel from as far as Baltimore and are only paid for two hours of service. Council then recommended finding a solution. But at the June 17 council meeting the problem had still not been resolved, and the interpreters again left at 10 p.m., about 30 minutes before the meeting formally adjourned.

## News Review Welcomes Summer Intern “Jesse” Nash

Eugene “Jesse” Nash IV joined the News Review as a summer intern on May 27. Originally from Baltimore, Jesse is a graduating senior in journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park, who will be entering into a career with the United States Marine Corps as a second lieutenant in September. Jesse has been a photographer in the Baltimore and Washington area for the past five years and studied abroad for photography in Oaxaca, Mexico, in January



Eugene “Jesse” Nash IV

2018. He has also been a writer for the same time, but only recently found an aptitude for newswriting.

Jesse fell in love with the community of Greenbelt last fall as he frequented the city to write articles for a class. He published his first article in the News Review in November 2018. In his off time, Jesse enjoys hiking in trails around Maryland with a 50-pound backpack, playing the cajon in his church band on Sundays and playing lacrosse with friends.

PHOTO COURTESY EUGENE “JESSE” NASH IV

## Goodbye Willow Oak



PHOTO BY STEVE SKOLNIK

So long, old friend. The Willow oak on the grounds of the Community Center was taken down on Thursday, June 6.

## Letters continued

and got adopted in early 2019. When I brought Mocha to her, I told her the cat was old and desperately needed care. The morning I brought her, Lauren gently opened her mouth and said, “Oh, she’s an old girl, see, most of her teeth are gone and her ears are clipped.” We later found out she was a he, just like how we found out that “Kitty” was chipped and was a military cat from Colorado! How he got here, mystery, but he ended up at the shelter and they cared for them.

I found out this week that Lauren left her job at the shelter after nine years of service. I just wanted to write to let her know that she will be missed. We know the shelter is in the capable and caring hands of Howard and Nellie, but want to thank Lauren for the years of service and the encouragement she has given to quite a few of us, caring for the city of Greenbelt’s feral, stray and abandoned cats.

Natalie Williams

## Maglev: A Bad Idea

I’ve decided to weigh in on a matter that I find all too distressing: the maglev. I truly don’t know how those supporting the maglev can look at themselves in the mirror and with a straight face tell themselves that this project is good for the majority of citizens in our region. How is it good for anyone other than the few wealthy who will be able to afford it? How is this not a subsidy for big business and those of wealth? Explain to me again how of all the infrastructure issues at hand this project is anywhere near the top when it comes to relieving our overcrowded roads. Tell me again that we the taxpay-

ers won’t end up paying for this. Make your arguments claiming it will bring jobs and money into our communities. What price should our families pay, monetarily and for the disruption of our daily lives, for the short-lived construction jobs that will come and go. Show me the true cost per ride for the few that will use it, certainly not the \$40 quoted; add to that the cost of construction and everyday management. The resulting cost will most likely be closer to \$1000 per ride than \$40. Tell me again that there aren’t 100 more efficient penny-wise ways to use this money to benefit if not the majority at least a respectable amount of those of us who live in this region. Keep telling me and maybe I too will fall under your spell, but don’t hold your breath.

This matter is much larger than Greenbelt. I am surprised that the rest of our fellow Marylanders are not up in arms about it. Why aren’t we reading about this daily in the Washington Post and other local periodicals? This is not a Greenbelt issue: it is a Maryland and metropolitan D.C. issue.

In response to Ms. Wine land’s letter to the News Review on June 13, I, too, know the frustrations of travel delays, having spent 25 years of extensive travel for work and pleasure. I can only surmise that she flew out of Newark because of favorable pricing. I would suggest that if she is truly concerned about the pollution involved, she should consider flying out of one of our close-in and fine airports next time. I can’t imagine how many train trips would have to be made before zeroing out the pollution that construction of the maglev would produce.

Paul Cocchiaro



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# Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Cocaine

June 17, 10:30 p.m., Lakecrest Drive near Lakecrest Circle. A 27-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, transporting a handgun in a vehicle, carrying a handgun while engaged in drug trafficking, use of a handgun in the commission of a felony and other related charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Robbery

June 18, 1:30 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court. A person who walked out of an apartment building was approached from behind by a man who announced a robbery as he displayed a handgun. He took the person's wallet and fled on foot.

## Concealed Weapon

June 13, 6:40 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A 17-year-old nonresident was arrested for concealed deadly weapon by officers who responded to a report of a group of people gathered near a dumpster, with one possibly armed. The youth was found to also have several knives in her bookbag. She was released pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

## Handgun

June 14, 5:16 a.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. A 33-year-old resident was arrested and charged with loaded handgun in a vehicle, handgun in a vehicle and other related charges after he was observed sleeping in a vehicle with a 9-mm semi-automatic handgun in plain view. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Theft

June 19, 6700 block Lake Park Drive. A red Montgomery Ward brand bicycle was removed after the screen to an enclosed patio was cut.

## Indecent Exposure

June 19, 5:53 p.m., 100 block Centerway. A 29-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with indecent exposure and disorderly conduct after he exposed himself to people at Roosevelt Center. Responding officers also

# Bicycles Plus Pedestrians Plus Sidewalks = a Dangerous Mix

by John Campanile

"No person shall operate any bicycle in any manner contrary to existing regulations governing operation of motor vehicles in the city." City of Greenbelt Code, Section 11-62, Compliance with all laws.

The good news: The City of Greenbelt considers bicyclists and motorists as equal in the eyes of the law, granting each the same on-road rights and responsibilities.

The bad news: See above.

Despite the fact that many adult bicyclists would rather ride separately from traffic, riding your bike on a sidewalk or footpath designed for pedestrians is illegal. In other words, cars and bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks. The only exception is for children who are under adult supervision.

That may be surprising news to many residents. But doubtless this represents a welcome acknowledgement to pedestrians who may feel unsafe by the sudden whoosh of a passing bicyclist. A larger, faster vehicle does not belong on the same right of way that is meant for those on foot.

Still, "I feel safer biking on the sidewalk," is an oft-repeated chant. After all, the average bike weighs 20 pounds; the average car weighs 4,000 pounds. Even the slightest slip up by a driver can result in tragic consequences for the bicyclist. Conversely, bicyclists fare best when they ride responsibly and are treated as drivers.

The answer may be as simple as the phrases "share the road," and "look out for each other." But the real challenge is getting that message across to all road users. Through a combination of grassroots outreach, public relations, marketing and social outreach, the Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA) goal is to raise awareness and reinforce safe bicycling and driving behaviors. To that end, SHA publishes a list of tips for bicyclists and drivers on their website. For your convenience, here it is:

## Bicyclists

Stop at all red lights and stop signs; use hand signals when turning.

Ride defensively; expect the unexpected; never more than two abreast.

Ride with traffic, never against it.

Pass on the left and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Use marked bike lanes (or sharrows) when present.

Stay visible at night and in inclement weather.

Wear a helmet!

## Drivers

Expect bicyclists on the road – keep a safe distance.

Allow at least three feet when passing (it's the law).

Yield the right-of-way to bicyclists turning right.

Look before opening a car door.

Watch for children.

Be careful when pulling out of a driveway or side street.

No texting and using handheld devices while driving.

Stay alert – avoid all distractions.

The Washington, Maryland and Virginia area still devotes much of its resources and attention to cars. But to its credit, a number of accommodations for non-automobile transportation have been realized in recent years. As an example, five BikeShare locations are coming to Greenbelt, perhaps as soon as next spring, making this fair city part of the regional BikeShare system.

It's a long road to go before bicyclists have the same amenities seen in many other cities, especially in Europe. Until that day comes, finding a good balance of rights, responsibilities and accommodations will be everyone's duty.

*John Campanile is a member of the city's Pedestrian & Bicycle Task Force and the GHI Bicycle Committee. Molly Porter and Keith Chernikoff of the city's Planning Board and Lynn Poirier contributed to this article.*

## City Notes

Summer Camps are underway, with most facilities and outdoor spaces filled with campers and classes. Some spaces are still available. Kinder Camp provides fun for the youngest campers; Camp Pine Tree features outdoor games, sports and crafts; Creative Kids do music, drama, dance art and writing; Circus Campers learn circus skills and acrobatics; YOGOers travel and Camp Encore prepares Hamlet. Springhill Lake is busy with drop-in programs, field trips, nutrition, basketball and Eagle VISION.

The Women's Summer Bike Ride series began with a group ride along Indian Creek Trail.

Refuse/Recycling collected 32.60 tons of refuse and 14.05 tons of recycling material.

A damaged slide was removed from Buddy Attick Park playground by Horticulture/Parks crews.

Building Maintenance repaired outside lights at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Arts activities and aftercare activities include a gallery installation and making costumes and props for the performances.

Holy Cross Senior Exercise started summer class at the Fire Station.

Senior Nutrition served 89 hot meals last week.

Greenbelt CARES hosted a Community Conversation on Addiction, Overdose and Recovery, with presentations by several organizations.

CARES's Liz Park attended the 7th Annual Maryland Conference on Problem Gambling.

Summer GED classes, run by Judy Hering of CARES, will start July 1 at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

## Free Bariatric Surgery Weight Loss Seminar

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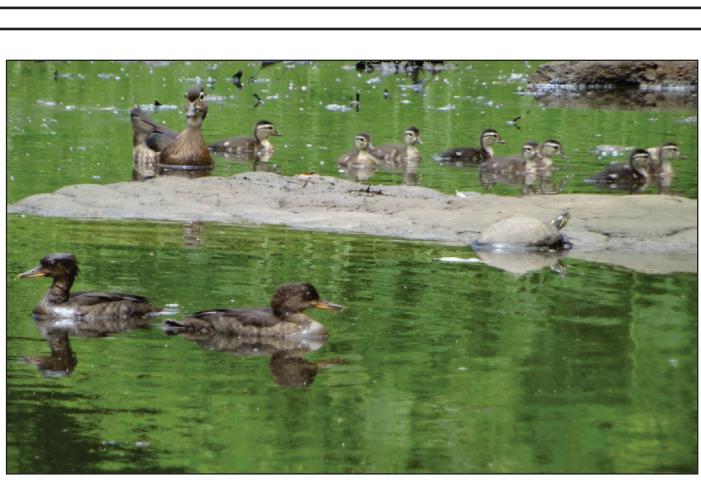


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# Sports

## Greenbelt Lady Angels Take on City B-Ball Team

by René Sewell-Raynor

"Trash talking doesn't win games. Baskets are all that count," emphasized coach Herb Allen, coach of the Greenbelt Lady Angels. The semi-professional team of women ballers is taking on Mayor Emmett Jordan and Greenbelt city employees this Saturday, June 29 at 4:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

These two teams have met five times previously. Last year's buzzer beater by the Greenbelt City Council team has put the series at three-to-two in favor of the Greenbelt Lady Angels.

Rumor has it that the team the city is assembling will have some strong players, but they're facing the Lady Angels who have won international championships in Canada and have been featured on Greenbelt Access TV (Chan-

nels Comcast 77; Verizon 19) as recipients of a Greenbelt Community Foundation grant.

Coach Allen points out that many of these women played high school and college ball and have some skills, but the opportunities for them to play ball became limited, so the recreation center started a Ladies' Nite, where women can come and play informally; from there the Greenbelt Lady Angels team was formed.

Joe McNeal, assistant director of operations for the Recreation Department, has sanctioned the game but is remaining neutral as his colleagues battle the Angels.

Doors will open at 4 p.m. Half time will feature the City-Stars Double Dutch Team. Admission is free.

## Greenbelt Babe Ruth Baseball Ends Regular Season on July 3

The Greenbelt Black Junior Babe Ruth team enters the final week of the regular season with an overall record of 6 to 2 and the Greenbelt Green Junior Babe Ruth team with a record of 6 to 3. These teams begin the county playoffs as the 1 and 2 seeds respectively, which will take place at Braden Field with the following schedule:

July 1: St. Jerome vs Marlboro at 6:30 p.m.,  
 July 2: Green vs Cheverly at 6:15 p.m.,  
 July 2: Black vs St. Jerome/ Marlboro at 8:30 p.m. and  
 July 3: Championship at 6:30 p.m.



Eli Klopp of the Greenbelt Senior Babe Ruth team delivers a pitch on June 4 at Laurel High School. Klopp delivered a complete game on the mound for Greenbelt in the win and Hector De La Rosa continued the strong pitching for Greenbelt on June 7 in the team's 7-2 victory over the Laurel Bolts.

- Photos by Lashel Baravechia



Matthew Baravechia prepares to take a swing.

## Greenbelt Barracudas Swim Two Meets: One Win, One Loss

by Johanna Moore

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GM) Barracudas are off to an exciting start. GM is an established member of the Prince George's Swim League and is currently in the C Division. GM's first meet of the season was on June 15. The team traveled to Ellicott City to swim against the Roger Carter Seals (RCS). GM swimmers swam hard and came out on top, winning the meet with the final score of: GM 306 and RCS 256. Head coach R.J. Pauling attributed the win to "A great attitude from everyone who swam new events or events they don't usually swim, swimmers staying until the end of the meet not only to cheer on their teammates, but to be available to swim relays, and parents volunteering to make things run smoothly so that the swimmers could just focus on swimming well and enjoying themselves."

On Saturday, June 22, GM hosted their second meet of the season, with Prince George's Pool as the opponent. The score was very close throughout the entire meet, the lead shifting back and forth. At the end, GM ended up losing, but not without a fight. Many swimmers dropped significant time and some long-standing records were broken. There were major time improvements from Nadia Nickel, Judah Lookhong, Levi Baker, Anabelle Downs, Hannah Baker, Christopher Goode, Samantha Stewart, Julia Cottingham, Caleb Bell-McAllister and Zoe Tahan-Pacheco. There were countless more time improvements across all strokes. Coach Pauling mentioned that "it was inspiring to see so many swimmers swim their best times." Speaking of best times, Mia Moore broke two team and pool records. She swam 16.84 in the 8U 25m Free, beating Maresa Like-Mathews' 1997 team record of 17.24, and the long-standing pool record of 17.00 set in 1976 by Rhian Medlin. She also went 21.59 in the 8U 25m breaststroke, breaking her own 2018 team record of 22.40, and smashing the pool record of 23.15 set in 1994 by Courtney Dantone.

Top Team Point Earners by Age Group:

8 & Under Mia Moore  
 9/10 Tea Rippon & Marc Aaron Coppock  
 11/12 Kira Moore  
 13/14 Darius Theodore  
 15-18 Ryan Argueta & Athalia Groelsema

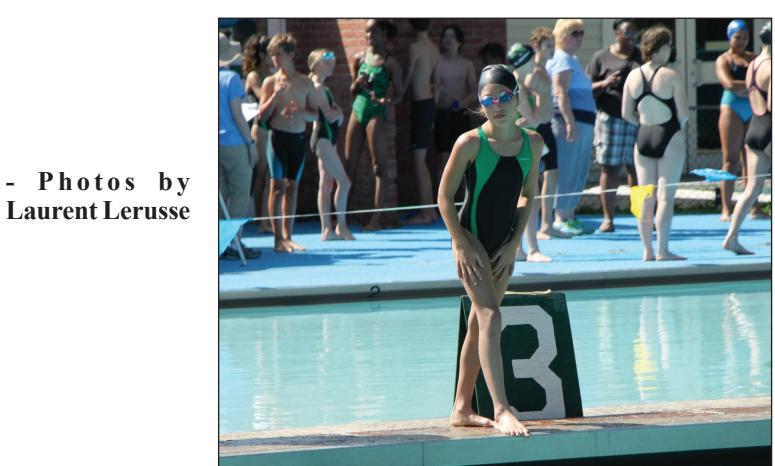
Stay tuned for more information on the current season. GM is always open to additional swimmers. Feel free to get more information about the team on the website [greenbeltswimteam.com/](http://greenbeltswimteam.com/) and watch a video, created by Claude Aubert, that captures the essence of the Greenbelt team ([youtube.com/ch?reload=9&v=OxN4GaBZMP8](https://youtube.com/ch?reload=9&v=OxN4GaBZMP8).)



Head coach R. J. Pauling gives the team a pep talk before the meet.



Darius Theodore edges past an opponent in butterfly.



Mia Moore prepares for a race.

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## Peacemakers Make Music At Summer Solstice Singalong

by Melissa Sites



Melissa Sites plays guitar for a singalong for Peace Month.

On Friday, June 14, Greenbelters sang along to beloved songs about peace at the Peacemakers' Memorial, in celebration of the solstice, and because June is Greenbelt Peace Month as proclaimed by the city council. CHEARS (the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society) and the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition together sponsored a potluck at the Community Center followed by the singalong. The memorial honors the memory of Esther Webb, Bert Donn, Bob Auerbach and Doug Love, who wrote words to a green anthem included in the singalong.

According to the CHEARS website, the Peace Pole near the memorial benches was a gift to the citizens of Greenbelt in 1987 in recognition of their efforts to work for better relations with citizens of the former Soviet Union through the Sister City Project. The pole displays the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in Spanish, Russian, Chinese and English. Since 1955, when the idea for Peace Poles began in Japan, over 200,000 poles in 200 countries around the world have been dedicated as reminders to work for peace. In Green-

belt, Peace Poles also stand near Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church and Greenbelt Community Church.

## ERHS Students Win Top Honors with Snowplow Art

by Jamie Voytsekhovska

In order to prepare for inclement weather (coming soon to roads near you!) this winter, Prince George's County Public Schools arranged for a Snow Plow Painting Contest. Teams of students assembled by art teachers at local middle and high schools had approximately a month, from April to May, to paint a snow plow. Coming in first place for this year's contest is Eleanor Roosevelt High School, led by art teacher Monique Connealy.

The mural itself was designed by a student in her Computer Graphics class, and was one of several designs pitched for the mural. Students began the project through the process of gridding, dividing the original image and the canvas into squares and then replicating each square on the snow plow. First they outlined each square, then filled it in with color. Different students partici-



PHOTO COURTESY OF PGCPSS

Fifteen high school teams compete in a PGCPSS snow plow painting contest. Eleanor Roosevelt earns 1st place with its colorful and funky design celebrating the many programs at the school.

pated in different parts of the process; some outlined while others painted.

All kinds of students came together through their love of art and collaborated on an award-winning project.

Judges from the competition came to an award ceremony held at Eleanor Roosevelt to congratulate the students on their work.

"Out of the many murals, this one really caught my eye. It looks very clean and professional, outstanding work," one judge commented. Students, pray for a snow day for a chance to see this artwork plowing snow down your street!

Jamie Voytsekhovska is an Eleanor Roosevelt High School student reporting for the Greenbelt News Review.

## Stonewall Event at Café



PHOTO BY MICHAEL HARTMAN

State Delegate Gabriel Acevero captivates the audience with a stirring presentation during the Stonewall Rebellion 50th Anniversary commemoration at the New Deal Café on Sunday, June 23. The program, sponsored by GreenBelT Pride, was organized by Michael Hartman and Adam Campanile.

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